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RESPONSE

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2003, in which the Examiner has set a 30-day shortened statutory period for response. This Response is being filed within the 30-day shortened statutory period set therefor.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 13-19, drawn to a polyethercarbonate diol.
- II. Claims 1-12, drawn to a polyurethane.

In view of the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, comprising claims 13-19, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions or any other subject matter of this application.